

Sample Rating Scale for Evaluating an Essay

Name:

Date:

Essay topic/title:

In general, essays should exhibit the following:	Student's Comments:	Teacher's Comments:	Rating
Introduction			1 2 3 4
Thesis statement			1 2 3 4
Sustained development of theme or argument			1 2 3 4
Coherence and logical order			1 2 3 4
Adequate supporting details			1 2 3 4
Sense of audience and purpose			1 2 3 4
Good mechanics (grammar, spelling, paragraphing, punctuation)			1 2 3 4
Sense of personal style and "voice" (conveys personal meaning and intention)			1 2 3 4
Originality (goes beyond what is said in class)			1 2 3 4
Knowledge of topic			1 2 3 4
Incorporation of prior knowledge, processes and vocabulary specific to areas of study			1 2 3 4
Conclusion related to thesis statement			1 2 3 4
Total			